

Unhealthy, sad, destructive teaching.

It is necessary to be circumcised and to keep the law

↳ Circumcision

first mention

Gen 17:10-14 Ref

↳ Circumcision was a distinguishing feature that set Israel apart from any other nation. To be circumcised was to be an Israelite.

↳ It was also an act of obedience to God's Law.

↳ In turn, it allowed you access to worship God.

enable relationship

● Deut. 10:16

Deuteronomy 10:16 (NKJV) "Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer.

★ There is/was a symbolic nature to it. Col 2:11

● Colossians 2:11 (NKJV) In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

More Concerning Circumcision

Gal 5:2-3

↳ Gal 6:12, 13

↳ Concerning Keeping the Law

↳ This is what enabled a Jew to be in right standing.

→ Made me right

↳ enabled ones ability to worship

→ Civil law *Carthage cities repaying if you stole*

→ Ceremonial (worship)

→ How you relate to God

→ Moral

↳ All restated in NT

→ The Law is beautiful/delight Ps 119:77

→ The Law is like honey

Ps 19:9-10

→ God's heart is seen

★ But was insufficient

The Central point is how you relate to God.

→ Whether its the OT Law or something you make up

→ How we relate to God is now solely and purely through His son Jesus. The veil is torn.

Righteousness comes f/m Jesus

Romans 3:20-28 Ret

2 Cor 5:21

Hebrews 10 Ret (if time allows)

Purpose of Law

Gal 3:24

★ Nuance
Acts 16:3

★ You can only be right with God on the basis of what Jesus has done

v. 8

^a Who knows the heartⁿ

Rom 10:9, 10

Ps 51:16-17

Psalms 51:16-17 (NKJV) 16 For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give [it;] You do not delight in burnt offering. 17 The sacrifices of God [are] a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart-- These, O God, You will not despise.

In Acts 10:43-44 God saw their hearts...

v. 9

There was no difference in the hearts of the Jews from Acts 2 and the Gentiles from Acts 10

● Rom 10:12

Romans 10:12 (NKJV) For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.

Purifying

● Acts 10:15

Acts 10:15 (NKJV) And a voice [spoke] to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common."

v. 10

The yoke of the Law was too heavy to bear, Israel failed under the Law. → Its purpose was ultimately to reveal that we need a savior. Gal 3:24 ●

Galatians 3:24-25 (NKJV) 24 Therefore the law was our tutor [to bring us] to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

v. 11

Vital Summary doctrinal Statement

"Through the GRACE" Eph 2:8-9

★ Note the order Peter says this in. ★

v. 12-18

→ v. 15-17 It is written!
This is a biblical event!

v. 19

Its worth noting the
authority James has here
in Jerusalem.

V. 20, 29

- Abstaining from things offered (polluted)
by idols.

- from Blood

- Things strangled

- Sexual immorality

would have
mattered to
Jews

— Lev. 17-18

There was an encouragement and even an expectation that the Gentile believers would lay down their rights in these matters out of a show of love for the Jewish believers.

The Heart Behind the Laws of Love

v. 21 = Rom 14 Ref

v. 3 Despise

↳ to make of no account
- to write off, dismiss, downplay

Judge

↳ pronounce a judgement, arbiter of common life, to rule/govern

In Romans 14 the example comes in line with Acts 15 - food. Represents true intimate fellowship. Paul was encouraging deep *koinanía* - *hoinanía* that might

be hindered by what you eat

↳ How you dress

↳ How you speak

↳ What you drink

★ Might be
a generational
thing nowadays